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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7151**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1128

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 2, 2004

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Advisory Council on Pain and Symptom Management.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Welch

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill creates the Advisory Council on Pain and Symptom Management. The bill requires the State Department of Health to pay the Council's expenses and provide staff support to the Council. It requires the Council to hold public hearings, recommend policies for pain and symptom management, develop recommendations for licensing boards, study and review information on pain and symptom management, and provide an annual report.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2004.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** This bill would establish a 20-member advisory council consisting of 4 legislators, 13 lay members, and 3 state employees. The Council would meet at least once every 90 days; it would expire on July 1, 2009.

The Council is established to: (1) gather information from the public on issues concerning pain and symptom management, (2) develop recommendations to state licensing and certification boards, (3) advise and recommend policies on pain and symptom management, (4) study and develop recommendations on improving access to pain and symptom management for racial and ethnic minorities and medically underserved groups, (5) develop recommendations on improving access to pain and symptom management for children and adolescents, (6) annually review current policies and changes in pain and symptom management, and (7) act as an advisory board for the State Department of Health (DOH).

The DOH would be responsible for (a) providing staff support and (b) paying the expenses of the Council. Members of the Council are entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties, as provided in the state policies and procedures established

by the Indiana Department of Administration and approved by the State Budget Agency. Mileage and travel allowances for legislative members would be paid from appropriations made to the Legislative Council or the Legislative Services Agency. As of November 14, 2003, the per diem reimbursement for a legislator was \$134.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** State Department of Health.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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